

East Lothian Partnership

AREA PARTNERSHIPS

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Area Partnerships – the local voice of community planning in East Lothian

Area Partnerships strengthen links between communities, area-based services and East Lothian Partnership. They provide an opportunity for local communities to contribute to the *East Lothian Plan* and influence service planning and delivery in their area.

The role of Area Partnerships is to:

- Develop an Area Plan based on a shared vision for the area using evidence from a variety of sources;
- Monitor the delivery of the Area Plans and report to the wider community on impact each year;
- Show creative and active leadership to meet challenges faced by people and communities and maximise opportunities when they arise;
- Assist in determining how resources are allocated in their area according to Area Plan priorities;
- Act as a key point of contact for services to consult and engage with communities on the delivery and improvement of local services; and
- Engage the wider community in identifying issues and solutions for their local area.

This newsletter provides an introduction to East Lothian's six Area Partnerships, outlines their membership and provides a summary of some of the key themes each Partnership is considering as they begin to develop Area Plans.

More information about Area Partnerships, their minutes and meeting dates in your area can be found at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/EastLothianPartnership

PRESTON SETON GOSFORD

HADDINGTON & LAMMERMUIR

NORTH BERWICK COASTAL

MUSSELBURGH

DUNBAR & EAST LINTON

FA'SIDE

Between March and June 2014 six Area Partnerships were established across East Lothian:

- Musselburgh Area Partnership
- Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
- Fa'side Area Partnership
- Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
- North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership
- Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership

Each Area Partnership is made up of:

- All East Lothian Council elected members from the ward;
- Representatives from each Community Council in the ward;
- Members from Tenants and Residents Associations;
- Parent Council members representing the interests of children and families;
- Representatives from the Pupil Councils from the local high school

Across East Lothian there are also 20 different active community, voluntary sector and business groups involved in Area Partnerships within their communities.

Through Area Partnerships
we will work to ensure
'Our communities are well
informed and everyone has
the opportunity to influence
decisions that matter in their
local community'
[The East Lothian Plan](#)

FA'SIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Fa'side, covering Tranent, Ormiston, Pencaitland, Elphinstone and Macmerry, was the first Area Partnership formed in March 2014. After identifying priority themes 4 sub-groups have been set up to identify key actions for the Area Plan.

• **Tranent town centre regeneration** - The aim is to develop a community led regeneration masterplan for Tranent town centre focussed on reducing congestion, improving pedestrian access to and through the town and stimulating economic growth. Funding has been secured to carry out a 'charrette' consultation in spring 2015 to give the community a key role in shaping this plan.

• **Community facilities** - Tranent does not have a Community Centre and the villages that do have centres tend to have limited opening hours and/or dated facilities. This sub group is currently mapping access, availability and use of a wide range of community facilities across the ward to get a clear picture of local needs, before considering opportunities for development.

• **Active transport** - The Partnership identified a variety of challenges to living an active lifestyle in the area and this group is beginning to look at how to improve cycle and walking links, particularly to Ross High and Prestonpans station.

• **Youth Reference Group** - To ensure young people's views are represented a Youth Reference Group has been set up with Recharge. Already this group has identified demand for improved facilities and a skate park in Polson Park as well as safer cycle routes as key issues.

Who is representing Fa'side?

- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Elphinstone Primary School Parent Council
- Macmerry & Gladsmuir Community Council
- Muirpark and Steading View Tenants & Residents Association
- Ormiston Community Council
- Ormiston West Tenants & Residents Association
- Pencaitland Community Council
- Recharge Youth Committee
- Ross High School Parent Council
- Tranent & District Community Sports Hub
- Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council
- Tranent West Tenants & Residents Association

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HADDINGTON & LAMMERMUIR AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership covers East Lothian's largest ward, stretching from Athelstaneford through Haddington, Gifford and over much of the centre and south of the county into the Lammermuir Hills. This Partnership has focussed its attention on thematic areas where it feels it can have an impact including:

- **Access to health services** - The Partnership has been discussing concerns regarding access to health services – particularly in rural areas – pressures faced by GPs in the area, and the forthcoming community hospital.
- **Broadband access** - With the internet becoming more and more essential for modern daily life, the lack of fast and reliable broadband has been identified as a major issue for residents and businesses across the county. Members from this Partnership are working with East Lothian Council staff to develop an aggregated approach to improving broadband access in the rural areas of the county which are unlikely to see significant benefit from the Scottish Government's Next Generation Access scheme.
- **Community facilities and resources** - The Partnership is looking at usage and demand on community facilities in the area - including the Corn Exchange, Town House and village halls - before exploring ways of consolidating this information locally to make it easier to access and encourage wider use.
- **Opportunities for children and young people** - Whilst there appears to be a good range of activities for children and young people in Haddington, there are definite gaps, in particular for rural areas. Youth members from Knox Academy have recently consulted their wider school community about recreational, travel and safety concerns in the area, presenting their findings and recommendations to the Partnership in November.

Who is representing Haddington & Lammermuir?

- East Lothian Health Network
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Garvald and Morham Community Council
- Gifford Community Council
- Haddington and District Community Council
- Haddington Business Association
- Haddington Community Development Trust
- Haddington Community Sports Hub
- Humber, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council
- Knox Academy Parent School Partnership
- Knox High School Pupil Representatives
- Nungate Tenants and Residents Association
- Riverside Tenants and Residents Association

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PRESTON SETON GOSFORD AREA PARTNERSHIP

Preston Seton Gosford (PSG) is the East Lothian Council ward covering Prestonpans, Port Seton, Cockenzie and Longniddry. Still in the early stages of development this Partnership is beginning to look at a range of issues that are important in the local community including:

- **Town centre regeneration** - Re-imagining the role of Prestonpans High Street will be vital in developing a plan for regeneration based on its unique assets.
- **Personal development and resilience** - Exploring initiatives that promote learning, positive mental health and social connection for adults

Who is representing Preston Seton Gosford?

- Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council
- Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council
- Cockenzie West Tenants & Residents Association
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Longniddry Community Council
- Preston Lodge High School Parent Council
- Preston Lodge Pupil Representatives
- Prestonpans Community Council
- Prestonpans Community Sports Hub
- Prestonpans Infant School Parent Council
- Prestonpans Primary School Parent Council
- St Gabriels Primary School Parent Council

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- **Development and the local environment** – Balancing the impacts, opportunities and benefits that may arise from development in the area.
- **Improving performance for young people** - Responding to concerns raised by Preston Lodge and the community a multi-agency group has been formed to look at how to better co-ordinate local activities and resources to improve outcomes for the area's young people.

DUNBAR & EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP

Who is representing Dunbar and East Linton?

- Dunbar Community Council
- Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council
- Dunbar Grammar School Pupil Council
- Dunbar Primary School Parent Council
- Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group
- Dunbar Trades Association
- Duppender Community Council
- East Lammermuir Community Council
- East Lothian Association of Day Centres
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Stenton Primary School Parent Council
- Sustaining Dunbar
- West Barns Community Council
- Wingate Tenant & Residents Association

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This ward includes the town of Dunbar, the villages of East Linton, Stenton, Spott, Innerwick and Oldhamstocks and the eastern end of the Lammermuir Hills. As the 6th Partnership set up, meeting for the first time in late June 2014, the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership has identified a number of thematic areas which it will be investigating further including:

- **Transport, traffic and parking** – This has been identified as an important local issue with concerns ranging across public transport coverage, cost, reliability and synchronisation, congestion, traffic control and parking in local high streets and improving pedestrian and cycle routes to the town centre, particularly from villages south of the A1.
- **Social isolation** – Seen as a growing problem in the area, particularly for elderly people, many in the Partnership have highlighted of a lack of social and recreational opportunities for older people and difficulties for carers to get the support/respite they need as key issues.
- **Localising services** - With over 1/3 of the ward's population living in villages and rural areas already discussions are moving towards developing creative solutions for sustaining local businesses and promoting community stewardship of local assets.

MUSSELBURGH AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Musselburgh Area Partnership, formed in March 2014, covers both Musselburgh wards including Wallyford, Whitecraig and Carberry. Over the last 10 months the Partnership has identified a number of themes to focus on that have potential to make a real difference in the area. These include:

- **Attendance and achievement for children and young people** - In a bid to tackle the trend of falling attendance across area schools the Partnership is developing a community-wide *Attendance Matters* campaign. This will kick-start an ongoing project designed to foster a culture of aspiration and achievement across the whole community.
- **Investment and opportunity** - The Partnership is keen to support community led regeneration initiatives in the area, e.g. at the Town Hall and Fisherrow Harbour. It also has a role in monitoring the delivery of the Musselburgh Town Centre Strategy, creating more reasons for visitors and local people to 'stop and stay' and enjoy Musselburgh, revitalising the town centre economy.
- **Health inequalities** – There are significant health inequalities within the Musselburgh area– particularly in relation to life-style dependent illnesses and children's health. To help members develop a better understanding of this issue the Partnership will be hosting a workshop looking at the relationship between health outcomes and social determinants of health in order to identify effective local interventions.

Who is representing Musselburgh?

- Campie Primary School Parent Council
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council
- Musselburgh Community Sports Hub
- Musselburgh Conservation Society
- Musselburgh Council of Churches
- Musselburgh Grammar Pupil Council
- Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council
- Musselburgh Youth Services
- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School Parent Council
- Stoneyhill Primary School Parent Council
- Support from the Start, Musselburgh
- Wallyford Community Council
- Whitecraig Community Council
- Windsor Park Tenants & Residents Association

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NORTH BERWICK COASTAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

The North Berwick Coastal ward lies to the north-east of the county and stretches from Aberlady to North Berwick. Meeting since May 2014 the Partnership has identified key themes for investigation across their ward and is currently looking at developing actions for the Area Plan around issues including:

- **Travel and transport** - Whilst reliable and affordable public transport was the main issue raised, there is significant interest in establishing high quality active transport routes in the area. There may also be

Who is representing North Berwick Coastal?

- Aberlady Primary School Parent Council
- Dirleton Primary School Parent Council
- Dirleton Village Association
- Dunpender Community Council
- East Lothian Association of Day Centres
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Gullane Area Community Council
- Gullane Primary School Parent Council
- Gullane Village Hall Management Committee
- Law Primary School Parent Council
- Law Residents Association
- Lime Grove Tenants & Residents Association
- Member from the Scottish Youth Parliament
- North Berwick Children & Youth Network
- North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee
- North Berwick Community Council
- North Berwick Community Sports Hub
- North Berwick High School Parent Council
- North Berwick High School Pupil Council

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an opportunity to work across rural Area Partnerships to develop an East Lothian wide approach to community transport provision.

- **Young people and cyber bullying** – Identified as a key issue by the North Berwick High Pupil Council work is underway to consult pupils about the prevalence of cyber bullying in the area and their awareness of the tools available to tackle it. These results will help inform plans for a community wide awareness raising campaign.
- **Increasing older population** – Here, rather than concentrating solely on forecast increases in demand for health and care services, the Partnership is also focussing on initiatives to reduce isolation and sustain community involvement– e.g. Dementia Friendly Towns.
- **Green space and the environment** – The quality of the natural environment is a key reason people choose to live in this ward. Protecting, maintaining and enhancing this will be central to a vision for the future of the area.